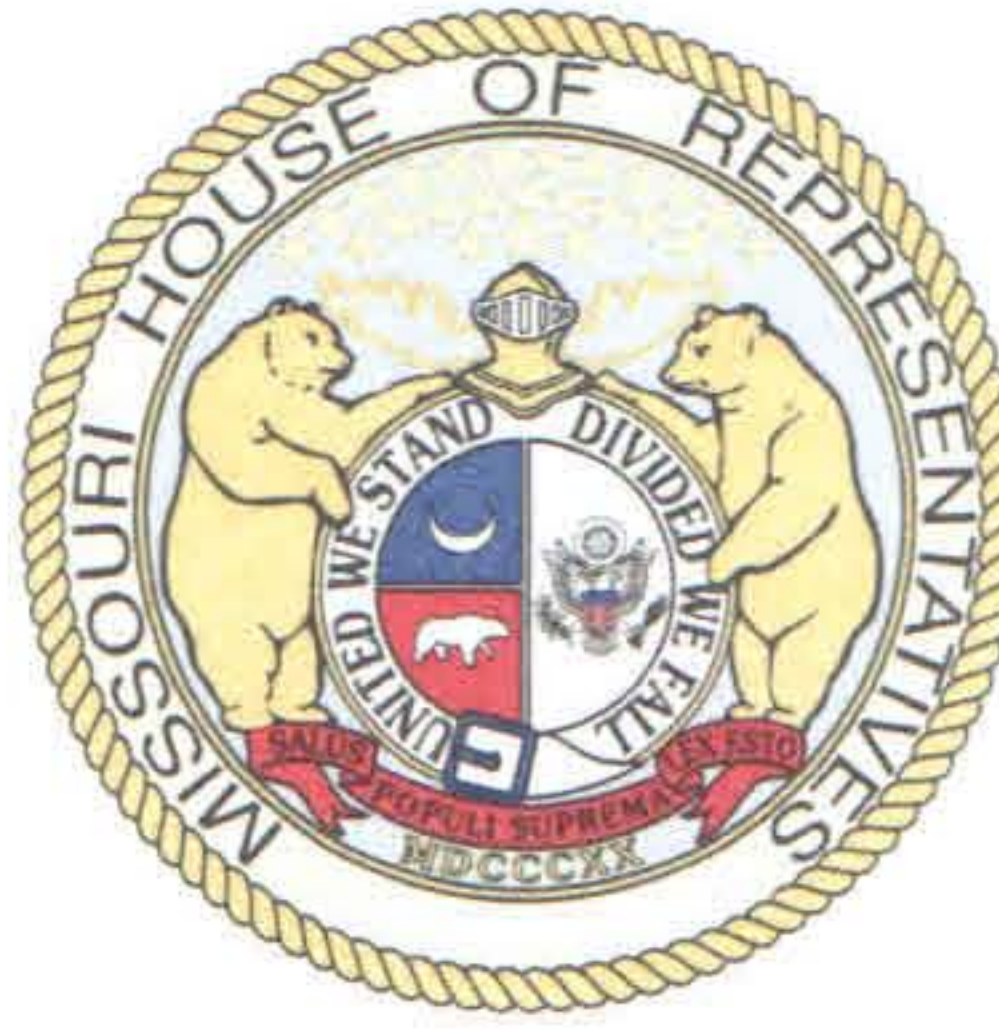


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Mr. Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
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Washington, DC 20554

Subject: Reply Comments, Public Notice (IB Docket 11-109)

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I want to add my comments to the growing list of supporters from the Missouri Legislature for a company called LightSquared. LightSquared is trying to launch a 4G-LTE broadband wireless network which will bring state-of-the-art high-speed Internet to wireless devices in rural Missouri, including my district in southeast Missouri.

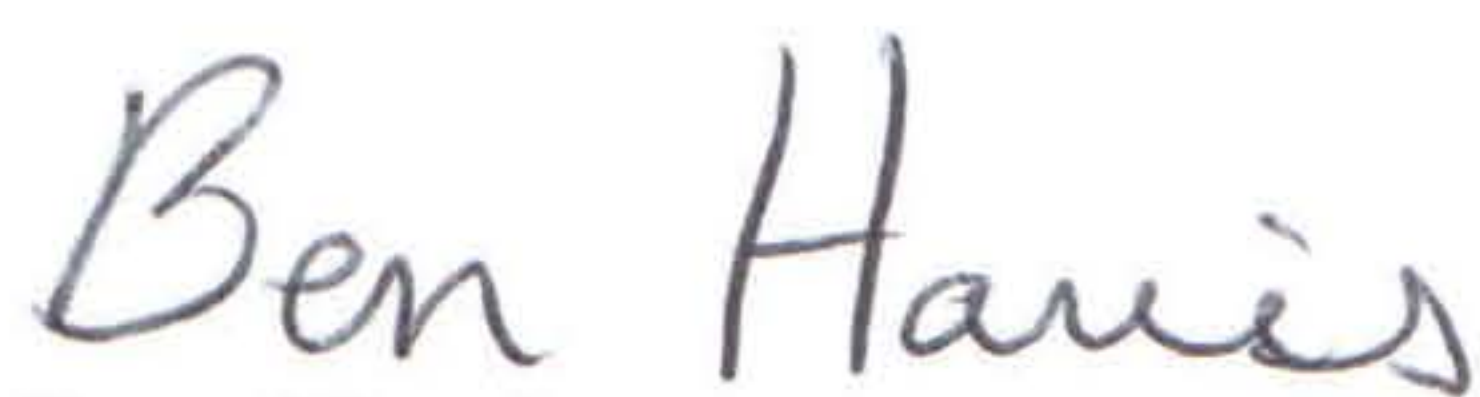
As you know, there is a significant digital divide in this country between urban, metropolitan areas and smaller rural communities. In fact, 28 percent of people who live in rural America still have no access to broadband. The lack of access to high-speed wireless broadband puts rural and underserved communities at a disadvantage when it comes to attracting new businesses, creating jobs and expanding opportunities for young people.

I understand that the FCC has indicated that LightSquared cannot operate next to the spectrum used by GPS devices because of interference problems. I recognize that GPS is very important to rural Missouri, but so is wireless broadband access. Having better wireless coverage and faster broadband service is as much of an economic tool for family farms as GPS systems are.

I strongly encourage the FCC to take the lead and find a way forward for LightSquared. The stakes are too high to let this American company's proposed network slip by.

Thank you for your leadership and your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Ben Harris". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ben Harris

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cc: The Honorable Roy Blunt
The Honorable Claire McCaskill
The Honorable Jo Ann Emerson
The Honorable Lawrence Strickling, NTIA